# China in Africa Watcher / Research Assistant



| Project Title           | China in Africa Watcher / Research Assistant  |
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| Project Summary         | Understand and assess Chinese activity for the entire continent of Africa to help inform US foreign policy makers |
| Country                 | Kenya   |
| Country/Region of Focus | China   |

#### **Project Description**

VSFS internship - China in Africa Research Assistant

Searching for a highly motivated intern, with an interest in U.S foreign policy on China and international relations in Africa.

Support the Regional China Officer for Africa to assess China's activities in terms of economic diplomacy, political and bilateral ties, education, media and cultural diplomacy, as well as its military, development and aid and multilateral engagement in international organizations.

The Regional China Officer (RCO) in Africa is based at the Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, and covers the largest geographic region, essentially all of sub-Saharan Africa and all off shore African island countries, in total 54 countries.

Intern responsibilities will include:

Approx. 10 hour commitment per week

- 1) Each week monitor and check Chinese Embassy websites for recent news for all 54 countries (some countries do not have a functioning site).
- 2) Each week, collect relevant China in Africa articles and organize by theme.
- 3) Prepare reading packets for upcoming travel to African countries of recent news clips, relevant bios, and other useful open sources to inform preparation of consultations.
- 4) Take on research projects. Output for the research projects will be no longer than 2-4 pages, focused on short issue based analysis.
- 5) Track the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs page for Africa-related content (upcoming senior leadership visits, activities of Chinese Ambassadors in Africa, etc).

- 6) Create a twitter account and identify and follow relevant China in Africa accounts, such as Chinese ambassadors.
- 7) Generate short snapshots on Chinese activities for countries in Africa.

## **Required Skills or Interests**

| Skill(s)                 |
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| Analytical writing       |
| Economic analysis        |
| Editing and proofreading |
| Political Analysis       |
| Research                 |
| Social media management  |

#### **Additional Information**

Ideally, it would be great to have one intern who can read French to follow Francophone Africa, and one with Portuguese reading fluency for Lusophone countries. Mandarin Chinese is also helpful but not required for any.

### **Language Requirements**

None